



## THE FARMER'S TALK TO FARMERS

THIS AGE OF READY-MADES INCLUDES THE FARM

(Written Specially for The Bulletin.)

Oh, this "ready-made" age! For a good many years most of us have been buying ready-made hats for one end of our persons, and ready-made shoes for the other end. A constantly growing proportion of us also buy ready-made clothes for the rest of our coverings. When the average baby is born he is put into a ready-made long dress; when he dies he is boxed in a ready-made coffin. All the journey is largely through the land of ready-made. His first jumpers are ready-made; his earliest breakfast food is ready-made; his first sled is bought ready-made from the toyshop; his first schoolbag—which mothers and fathers used to plan and work and over, is now bought ready-made; he goes courting in a ready-made collar and, ordinarily, with a ready-made imitation of a mendiciously hooked over the collar.

Even we hard-handed, coarse-fibered and utterly unscientific old farmers are getting rapidly into the ready-made habit. We can't raise our own meat any longer, but we buy it ready-made from the butcher. Some of us have got so we even buy it ready-cooked and canned. Instead of raising the grain for our stock we buy it ready-made from the mill; we can't any longer shave our own axes but must buy them ready-made at the drug stores.

But did you ever happen to hear of a "ready-made farm"? It isn't a mere figure of speech, nor is it by any means such a novelty as some of us eastern Yankees might assume. It's a very actual and tangible fact. And it has been on sale for good many years; has been sold to a good many thousands of farmers.

Let me explain—

When the Canadian Pacific roads were built, most of their mileage was through unsettled wild country. To encourage the builders and give them some chance to make money from such territory, which would otherwise furnish them neither passengers nor freight for many years, the Canadian government gave them wide strips of land on each side of their tracks. For hundreds and hundreds of miles these strips were across the best northwestern plains—admirable sites for farms, if only there were farmers on them. There was very little difference between the soil on this Canadian side of the border and that on our own side, which was equally fertile and taken up by our own farmers. But it was under a foreign flag, and the climate was manifestly a little colder, since it was farther north. The Canadian people wanted to sell these farmlands to good farmers. It demanded good ones, because it wanted to be sure of a steady stream of money for the land, which shrewd settlers might not be able to take up. They were likely to produce this sort of settlers away from our own homestead lands on our own side of the line, the crafty Kanucks invented and put on the market the "ready-made farm."

In the last fifteen years it is said that about 800,000,000 have gone over the border and settled on these lands. This is the way it works out in practice.

The Canadian government has immigration agents and the railroad has publicity agents all over the United States and Europe. These men investigate the prevailing capacity, the financial standing and the moral character of intending immigrants. When one is found who is clearly industrious, capable, with a thousand or two dollars and a good character, he is promptly offered a "ready-made farm" in the western Canada. He is not required to go through any of the risks and discomforts of the old settler. He has no land to clear; the great plains are forestless and stumps. He has no shack to build; stock and teams to feed; he is offered a ready-made company of houses, to be built and finished, ready for occupancy when he arrives. He doesn't need to break up the land in a hurry and take chances on a first crop; the railroad will break up a first crop, as he may elect, furnish the seed and put in the crop. He doesn't have to buy any sort of scrub stock and teams to start with; the railroad will stock his farm with whatever it needs of horses and cattle and poultry, etc. He is offered a barn adequate for all immediate needs. It will charge him just a fair price for the land, and twenty years down, and he has fifteen years to pay the rest, another twentieth each year.

I believe they have politics in the Dominion, too, but they seldom allow their politics to interfere with their business, up there. Perhaps they really think that the best kind of politics is that which deals and assists the upbuilding of their country. They act so, anyway.

What a whoop-over there would be if our own breed of politicians should ever get going with such an idea!

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## Toilard County GURLEYVILLE

Church Beautifully Decorated for Easter Services—Opening of School Term.

The morning service at the church Sunday was conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. H. Tunnicliffe, who is also superintendent of the Sunday school. After the opening service there were recitations and readings by the children and members of the school, interspersed with Easter music by the choir. Rev. E. F. Smith offered prayer, after which the Lord's prayer was recited by the children. The church and altar were decorated with potted plants and Easter lilies. The color scheme was lavender and white, and was arranged by the young people of the Sunday school. The sermon at the evening service was in line with the thought of the day.

Guests over the Holiday. Among those who were guests here over Sunday were Edward Bates from Williamstown, at O. H. Conant's; Miss Lida Simons at Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Simons'; Miss Martha Langer, at Paul Langer's.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Wana entertained relatives Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Simons were Easter guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wood.

At Ashford Party. Several from here attended a party at Ashford, Conn., on Saturday evening.

Herbert Simons and a friend from Williamstown were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dodge Easter day.

Mrs. H. E. Simons was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Arnold Potter, in Williamstown, over Sunday night, and attended the Easter concert at the M. E. church.

School opened Tuesday morning with Miss Frances Bliss teacher.

Mr. Albert Conant has been entertaining Miss Edwina Whitney from Storrs.

## SOUTH WILLINGTON

Conference in Regard to New Bridge—Cemetery Association Re-elects Officers.

A joint meeting of the selectmen of the town of Toiland and of Willington was held in the hall here last Saturday.

The more land the railroad sells and driving home his stock, and starting his vegetable garden. Sunday he began selling milk and eggs. Five days after he had started his milk business, he began to return him a revenue! And this on land which had never been touched by a plow nor felt the tread of a steer till it was taken up for him.

By no means all the people who go to Western Canada and farm up farms are Americans. They come from all over Europe. Indeed, the very choicest class of immigrants from the old world now go to these Canadian farms—the class which used to settle in our own Minnesota or Dakota. We are thereby losing the cream of our immigration. Canada is carefully skimming it off for her own dairy and leaving the dregs to us.

The United States are being hurt in two ways, both by the emigration from our own states of large numbers of pushing farmers—\$50,000 in the last fifteen years, as has previously been mentioned. The Canadian people are getting from our land of many thousands of foreign immigrants of the best type.

Poor old Uncle Sam! He used to think himself quite a go-ahead sort of fellow, with a keen eye for the main chance and a handy way of steering things to his own advantage.

Yet, now-a-days, he reminds one more of a rather helpless, cowering, sitting half asleep on his own back porch and letting the birds and the neighbors boys steal all his cherries right under his eyes.

He only wakes up all over when some one comes in and begins to talk politics. And then he's too excited over them to notice the losses he has too sleepily let at other times. Indeed, I'm inclined to think that sometimes the bad boys who want to steal his very richest cherries actually buy them from him, and pay him for the privilege of stealing them.

At the meeting of Stafford grange next Tuesday evening there will be work mentioned in the minutes.

Met at Baptist Parsonage.

The ministerial association held a profitable session at the Baptist parsonage Monday afternoon. Since the meeting was held for the first time here of two of the honored pastors. An excellent supper was served in the vestry by the ladies, who also assisted as hostesses at the parsonage.

Rev. H. M. Bartlett of Coventry will preach next Sunday in exchange with the pastor. They will attend the Yale convention next week.

Teaching at the Union Universalist church sang at the hospital Sunday.

## ELLINGTON

Death of Mrs. Ida R. K. Pease—Grange Degrees for Candidates.

Mrs. Margaret Kelly suffered a slight shock while attending church in Rockville Sunday.

Mrs. Richardson attended the funeral of Mr. Richardson's aunt, Mrs. Samuel Bradley, in Rockville, Wednesday morning.

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Ida R. K. Pease of Storrs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Kibbe of New Britain.

Mrs. H. Aborn and family have returned from Florida where they spent the winter.

Mr. John J. Reed of Providence spent Sunday with her sister, Miss Stenson.

Mr. Herr, who has been ill for the past week, is again working in his blacksmith shop.

The first and second degrees were conferred upon candidates at the Grange Wednesday evening.

## WILLINGTON

Change in Hours of Church Services—Accident.

Mrs. E. W. Darrow returned from Waterford Saturday.

The Easter concert that took the place of the church service was very successful, and the choir and by the Sunday school children.

Miss Nellie Towne Burleson, a popular teacher in Union when on her way to her home in Putnam for the Easter vacation stopped over for a short visit with Mrs. Preston at Maple Corner.

The summer arrangement for the church services will commence the first Sunday in April. Sunday school will commence at 2 o'clock and preaching service at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Clarence Eldridge cut her foot badly with a sharp axe she was carelessly swinging by the handle. Although she was in the loss of blood, she is comfortable.

## STAFFORDVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Phelps and children of Tauberville, Ct. Miss Gladys Phelps of South Hadley, Mass. Miss Nellie Phelps of East Hampton, Mass. and William Phelps of Worcester were



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guests over Easter of Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Phelps. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Stephenson of West Swansey, N. H. were guests over Easter of their daughter, Mrs. S. M. Lambert.

Mrs. William Pratt, daughter of Wesley Bradley, is a patient in the Johnston hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Clark and children of Hartford were guests over Easter of Mr. H. G. Dunham.

Mrs. W. Beicher, Mrs. F. Beicher and Miss Bertha Beicher were in Hartford Tuesday.

## GILEAD

Beautiful Easter Music and Decorations—Prof. Foote Home For Easter.

Miss Florence Jones of the Willington Normal School is spending the Easter vacation at H. E. Buell's.

The Easter music rendered by the choir last Sunday was excellent. The flowers with which the church was decorated were beautiful.

Fred Links of Hartford was at his home here last Sunday.

Miss Helen Foote of Cromwell is spending the spring vacation at her home here.

Mrs. W. S. Ellis is in Hartford caring for her daughter, Mrs. Wychoff.

Hebron Grange met at the hall Friday evening.

Mrs. J. E. Ellis was called to Ludlow the first of the week to care for her sister, Miss Martha Webster, who is ill.

Death of Infant Son. Doris, the infant son of Amy Hooker was buried Saturday of last week.

Geo. Bartholomew and family have moved into the house with Mr. Bartholomew's father.

R. E. Foote, A. B. of Sumfield Academy, has returned for the spring vacation.

A committee which consisted of the secretary and treasurer who chosen to revise the by-laws. The officers were re-elected as follows: Geo. A. Cosgrove, president; P. W. Pratt, secretary; Wm. H. Hall, treasurer; Walter A. Allen and Geo. H. Nichols, auditors.

## Washington County, R. I.

### HOPKINTON

Town Council Orders Appraisal at Town Farm—Probate Business—Funeral of Mrs. George K. Thayer.

At a special session of the town council and probate court, held last week Friday afternoon at the town hall, Alexander C. Kenyon was appointed appraiser of the personal property on the town farm, and was appointed administrator on the estate of Mrs. George K. Thayer.

S. Babcock, Thomas J. Clark and Walter Lewis were appointed appraisers of the estate of the late Charles N. Sweet and received and ordered recorded. The probate court was also called to sell certain articles at private sale. The petition of Julia A. Vincent, praying that she be appointed administrator of the estate of Rosy P. Kenyon, deceased, was received and referred to May 8, 1913.

Cottage Meeting. The cottage prayer meeting at the home of George B. Carpenter, of High street, Ashaway, was attended by 29 persons. The meeting was led by Rev. E. P. Mathewson and Miss Jennie Louise Blake. The program was given by Mrs. E. P. Mathewson. Her husband died in August 1908. Two daughters, Mrs. E. Allen of Hopkinton and Mrs. E. Storry of Hopkinton, and two great grandchildren survive her. Her funeral was held Monday afternoon, Rev. E. P. Mathewson, officiating. Burial was in Pine Grove cemetery, Hope Valley.

Harold Lewis has a new motorcycle. William H. Simpson, who is caring for the state road again this season, has men and teams filling breaks and road dressing and it is reported that the road will be oiled early this spring, which will be a matter of economy.

## USQUEPAUGH

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bray of Lafayette, visited at F. T. Locke's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Sloum visit.

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Weekapaug Box Lunch Follows Lecture—Damage Done by Storm.

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Mrs. Mary McConner has returned after spending a week with relatives in Providence.

Mrs. Annie Cosgrove returned to Providence Sunday after a week's stay at A. M. Kenyon's.

F. K. Crandall moved his household goods to his farm here Saturday.

Mrs. Hattie Potter of Echoing visited Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Sarah Franklin.

Charles Bagley is in town for a few days.

Several of the smaller children began their first term of school Monday. They are carried in the school team to West Kingston.

J. C. Cahoon of Wakefield was a visitor here Sunday.

Several new Italians have arrived and are working on state road.

## RICHMOND

Local People Return from Dayton—Delegates at W. C. T. U. Meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Larkham returned home Tuesday from Dayton, Ohio, where they were in charge of the W. C. T. U. Convention.

The semi-annual meeting of the state W. C. T. U. was held at the Mathewson Street M. E. church Friday. The afternoon session was of a social nature and was in charge of the Providence union, Mrs. J. K. Barney presiding.

Tribute of appreciation was made by representatives of the various social organizations of the city and from local unions and co-workers of the W. C. T. U. of the state. Mrs. William Kimmer was guest of the day.

Kimber was the delegates appointed from the Clark's Mills union.

Taken to Norwich. Rev. Warren Dawley took Edith Larkin daughter of William Larkin of Usquepaug, to the state hospital at Norwich Friday.

Mrs. Alice M. Ayres is spending her vacation with friends in New York.

Mrs. Charles Weaver is seriously ill at her home in Shannock.

Henry D. Hoyle and Andrew W. Moore have resumed their studies at South Kingston High school after a vacation of one week.

John Hoyle and Edwin Hoyle were guests of Mrs. Lillian Briggs in Westerly Sunday.

Easter Observance. Easter was observed at the Shannock Baptist church with special services. In the evening the Sunday school gave a concert under the direction of the superintendent, William Kimmer.

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## ROCKVILLE

The body of William D. Wilcox who died in Providence last week was brought here Tuesday for burial.

Rockville cemetery beside his wife who died a few years ago.

Miss Jennie Burdick was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Charles P. Palmer in Westerly a few days last week.

The Loyal Workers served a cold meat supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orrin G. Woodmansee last Saturday evening.

The European Situation. Each European nation is arming for peace and accusing the other of arming for war.—Philadelphia Record.

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